



# I. John's Gospel is significant because of what it \_\_\_\_\_: a unique and complementary perspective of Jesus Christ.

|                        | Matthew                       | Mark                            | Luke                          | John                          |
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| <b>Audience:</b>       | Jews                          | Romans                          | Christians                    | World                         |
| <b>View of Christ:</b> | King                          | Servant                         | Son of Man                    | God                           |
| <b>Preview:</b>        | Behold, thy King<br>(Zec 9:9) | Behold, my Servant<br>(Zec 3:8) | Behold, the Man<br>(Zec 6:12) | Behold, your God<br>(Is 35:4) |
| <b>Rev 4 beasts:</b>   | Lion                          | Ox                              | Man                           | Eagle                         |
| <b>Association:</b>    | Abraham, David                |                                 | Adam                          | God                           |
| <b>Emphasis:</b>       | Authority                     | Activity                        | Humanity                      | Deity                         |
| <b>Key Words:</b>      | Fulfilled                     | Immediately,<br>Straightway     | Son of Man                    | Believe, Eternal<br>Life      |
| <b>Features:</b>       | Sermons                       | Miracles                        | Parables                      | Conversations                 |
| <b>First Act:</b>      | Sermon on the<br>Mount        | Casting out Spirits             | Reading from Is 61            | Water to Wine                 |
| <b>Demonstrated:</b>   | Precepts for Life             | Power over spirits              | Purpose to Help               | Power to<br>Transform         |
| <b>Content:</b>        | Prophetic                     | Practical                       | Historical                    | Theological                   |
| <b>Key Verse:</b>      | Matthew 16:16                 | Mark 10:45                      | Luke 19:10                    | John 20:31                    |
| <b>Theme:</b>          | Teaching                      | Ministry                        | Philanthropy                  | Relationship                  |

**Content.** 90% of content is unique to John's gospel, exclusively featuring Jesus':

- Pre-existence (1:1-18)
- Early Judean & Samaritan ministry (2-4)
- First miracle (2:1-11)
- Dialog with Nicodemus (3)
- Encounter with Samaritan woman (4)
- Healing of impotent/ paralyzed man (5)
- Bread of Life discourse (6)
- Healing the blind man (9)
- Teaching on the Good Shepherd (10)
- Resurrection of Lazarus (11)
- Washing the disciple's feet (13)
- Upper room teaching and conversation (13-16), including the teaching on the Holy Spirit
- Prayer for His disciples (17)
- Abundance of fish (21)
- Restoration of Peter and prediction of his martyrdom (21)

Content excluded from John:

- Jesus' Genealogy, Birth, Boyhood, baptism, temptation, transfiguration, gethsemane, ascension.
- Listing of 12 apostles.
- John the Baptist's imprisonment.

Content complemented by John:

- Matthew (4:12) and Mark (Mr 1:14) imply Jesus' early time outside Galilee, but only John records Jesus' early ministry in Judaea and Samaria (Jo 2:13-4:43).
- Mark (14:58; 15:29) records witnesses' testimonies that Jesus claimed he would destroy the temple, but the original statement is only in John (2:19).
- All 3 other gospels record that Jesus was brought before the Roman Governor Pilate, but only John explains why – the Jews were not permitted capital punishment (18:31).
- All 3 other gospels place Peter in the High Priest's palace during Jesus' interrogation, but only John explains how we gained access (Jo 18:15-16).
- All 3 other gospels record Peter, Andrew, James, John leaving their fishing nets to follow Jesus, but only John explains why they believed and followed Him (1:35-42; 2:1-4:54).
- Matthew and Mark record Jesus' departure after feeding the 5,000 Jesus, but only John explains why He left (6:15)

**Audience** – That John's intended audience was not necessarily Jewish is clear in John's interpreting Jewish words and explaining Jewish customs:

He translates Aramaic phrases:

*Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,)... 1:38*  
*the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 1:31*  
*Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone. 1:42*  
*the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.)... 9:7*  
*Rabboni; which is to say, Master. 20:16*

He explains Jewish words, places, and customs

*Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. 5:2*  
*the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. 6:1 (Galilee is Hebrew; Tiberias is Roman);*  
*Thomas, which is called Didymus... 11:16 Thomas (Heb) and Didymus (Gr) both mean twin.*  
*A place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha... 19:13*  
*a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha... 19:17*

**View** – John portrays Jesus as God, emphasizing the Deity of Christ, that He is God.

1:1-3, 14; 1:18, 29, 34, 36, 41, 49; 2:16; 4:25-26; 5:35-38; 5:58-59; 10:11, 30-35; 14:9

**Conversations** - Consider these powerful personal encounters...

- Nathaniel. (1:45-51)
- Nicodemus. (3:1-21)
- Nobleman (4:46-54)
- Samaritan woman at the well (4:6-26)
- Impotent man at the pool of Bethesda (5:1-17)
- Blind man. (9:35-41)
- Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (11:1-44)
- Peter (13:1-11)
- Eleven apostles (13-16)
- Pilate (18:28-40)
- Mary Magdalene (20:1-18)
- Thomas (20:24-31)
- Peter (21:15-23)

## II. John's Gospel is significant because of what it \_\_\_\_\_: that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God

*John 8:58-59*

**A. 7 Claims that \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' Identity**

1. I am the Bread of Life. (6:35, 48, 52) Jesus gives SPIRITUAL LIFE to the hungry.
2. I am the Light of the world. (8:12) Jesus gives RIGHTEOUSNESS to the sinner.
3. I am the Door of the sheep. (10:7, 9) Jesus gives SECURITY to the sheep.
4. I am the good Shepherd. (10:11) Jesus gives LEADERSHIP to the wanderer.
5. I am the Resurrection and the Life. (11:25) Jesus gives NEW LIFE to the mortal.
6. I am the Way, Truth, and the Life. (14:6) Jesus gives ACCESS to the Father.
7. I am the true Vine. (15:1, 5) Jesus gives FRUIT to the powerless.

**B. 7 Prophetic types that \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' identity**

1. Tabernacle (*Jo 1:14*)
2. Sacrificial Lamb (*1:29*)
3. Ladder from heaven to earth (*1:51; Cf. Ge 28:12*)
4. Temple (*2:19-21*)
5. Serpent (*3:14; Cf. Num 21:7-9*)
6. Manna (*Jo 6:35; Cf. Ex 16:13-15; Ps 78:24; Ne 9:15*)
7. Jacob's well (*Jo 4:5-14; Cf Gen 33:19; Jos 24:32*)

Besides these prophetic types, John cites 14 specific prophecies fulfilled in Christ:

1. Preceded by a voice in the wilderness (*Jo 1:23; Is 40:3-5*)
2. Keeping Jesus' bones unbroken (*Jo 1:36; Ps 34:20; Cf. Ex 12:46; Nu 9:12; Ps 22:14*)
3. Eaten up with zeal for God's house (*Jo 2:17; Ps 69:9*)
4. Bread from heaven (*Jo 6:31; Ps 78:24; Cf. Neh 9:16*)
5. Those taught of God come to Him (*Jo 6:45; Is 54:13*)
6. Hosanna, by the crowds (*Jo 12:13; Ps 118:25-26*)
7. The King riding into Zion on an ass's colt (*Jo 12:14-15; Zec 9:9*)
8. Israel's unbelief (*Jo 12:37-38; Is 53:1*)
9. Blind eyes and hardened hearts (*Jo 12:39-40; Is 6:9-10*)
10. Attacked by his own friend (*Jo 13:18; Ps 41:9*)
11. Hated without a cause (*Jo 15:25; Ps 69:4; Cf. Ps 35:19; 109:3*)
12. Stealing Jesus' clothes (*Jo 19:24; Ps 22:18*)
13. Jesus' thirst (*Jo 19:28; Ps 22:15; Cf. Ps 69:21*)
14. Pierced by a spear (*Jo 19:37; Zec 12:10*)

**C. 7 Miracles that \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' identity**

1. Turning water into wine (*2:1-11*)
2. Healing the Nobleman's Son (*4:46-54*)
3. Healing the paralyzed man (*5:1-15*)
4. Feeding the 5,000 (*6:1-14*)
5. Walking on Water (*6:15-21*)
6. Giving sight to the blind (*9:1-11*)
7. Raising Lazarus from the dead (*11:1-44*)

**D. 7 Witnesses that \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' identity**

1. John the Baptist. (*1:6-8, 15; 3:16, 32; 5:32-33*)
2. Jesus own testimony (*8:14; 18:18, 37; 3:11-12; 5:31*)
3. The Works of Jesus (*10:24-25 5:36; 14:11*)
4. The Father (*5:32, 37; 8:18*)
5. Scripture (*5:39, 46; 1:45*)
6. The Holy Spirit (*15:26; 16:13-14*)
7. Disciples of Christ (*15:27; 4:28-29; 39; 9:25; 12:17; 19:35*)

**III. John's Gospel is significant because of what it \_\_\_\_\_ :  
eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ**

*John 3:15-16, 36; 4:14; 5:39-40; 6:27, 33, 35, 40, 47-48, 54, 63, 68; 10:10, 28; 12:50; 14:6; 17:2-3; 20:30-31*

